

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

On page 13, please amend line 27 as follows:

--The barbs also have a front point ~~32~~ 40, which front point ~~32~~ 40 substantially reaches --

On page 14, line 3, please, amend line 3 as follows:

-- The metal sheet has a thickness T, an upper surface ~~42~~ 52, and a --

On Page 12, line 3, please, add the following text:

-- FIGURE 13 is a fragmental cross-sectional view of a fastener according to another embodiment of the instant invention, wherein the fastener comprises an elastic body molded at least under the lower side of the head of the fastener of the present invention. --

On page 15, please, amend the paragraph starting in line 25 and ending in line 28, as follows:

-- In still a different embodiment, better illustrated in Figures 5 and 6, the barbs 36 have a front point 40 and an origin 38 at a region selected from the side neck portion 22 or and the side leg portion 32. The barbs ~~are initially~~ comprise a proximal barb section 36i starting at the origin 38, which proximal barb section 36i is directed outwardly away from the legs 24 side neck portion 22 or the side leg portion 32, respectively. The barbs 36 ~~are initially directed outwardly away from the legs 24, and then inwardly toward the legs 24 and the neck 18~~ also comprise a distal barb section 36ii ending at the front point 40, which distal barb section 36ii is directed inwardly toward the side neck portion 22 or the side leg portion 32, respectively. --

On page 18, please, amend the paragraph starting in line 23 and ending

in line 28, as follows:

-- When water-proofing, and/or gas-proofing are desired for a particular application, and/or vibration noises are to be prevented, an elastic body 7 is preferably integrally molded at least at the lower side 16 of the substantially flat head portion 12 of the fastener 10, as better illustrated in Figure 13. Such elastic bodies are for example disclosed in US Patents 5,725,343 (Smith), and 6,379,092 (Patel et al.) both of which are incorporated herein by reference. --